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April 23, 2009

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Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 3 items:

1. Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached). You should examine all of your contributions to check for additional excessive contributions. The Committee's procedures for processing contributions should also be reviewed.

While it is permissible for a person to make a contribution for the general election prior to the primary election, the recipient committee must employ an acceptable accounting method to distinguish between primary and general election contributions.- (11 CFR § 102.9(e)) This general election amount must be maintained in the committee's account.

Since the candidate is not seeking office and did not participate in the general election, any contribution received for the general election must be returned to the donors, in accordance with 11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3). The use of general election contributions to pay primary debts and obligations is prohibited under the Act as such use could result in individuals making contributions with respect to the primary election in excess of the \$2,300 per election limit. Any subsequent report(s) filed with the Commission must disclose the refund of any general election contributions. Refunds

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